

# Adjoint Estimation to Observing System Experiments Outcomes

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# Outline

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- The need for simplifying assumptions: 1-DA cycle OSEs

## 2 Sensitivity analysis in VDA: $[\mathbf{x}_b, \mathbf{B}], [\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{R}]$

- On the high-order ADJ-DAS OBSI measures

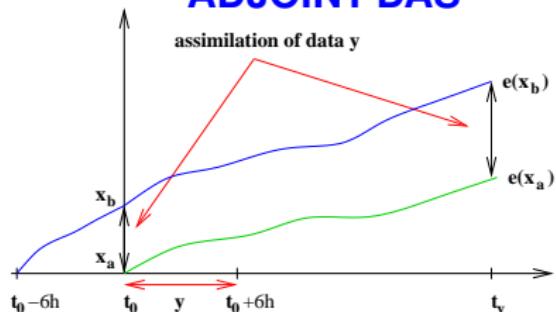
## 3 Adjoint estimation to 1-DA cycle OSEs

- On the relevance of  $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_a)$  and  $\mathbf{R}^{-1}$ -sensitivity

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Observation impact estimation:  $e(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}^f - \mathbf{x}^v\|_C^2$

### ADJOINT-DAS



$$\mathbf{x}_a = \mathbf{x}_b + \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_b)]$$

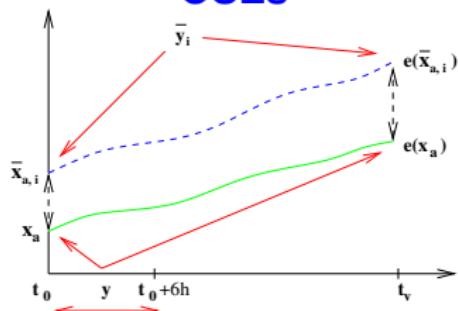
Observation impact (global)

$$\delta e = e(\mathbf{x}_a) - e(\mathbf{x}_b)$$

All-at-once OBSI estimation

$$\delta e \approx (\delta \mathbf{x}_a)^T \mathbf{g} = \sum_i (\delta \mathbf{y}_i)^T [\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{g}]_i$$

### OSEs



Data denial  $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i = \mathbf{y} \setminus \{\mathbf{y}_i\}$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{a,i} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{b,i} + \bar{\mathbf{K}}_i[\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{h}}_i(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{b,i})]$$

$$\delta e(\mathbf{y}_i : \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i) = e(\mathbf{x}_a) - e(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{a,i})$$

$$\boxed{\sum_i \delta e(\mathbf{y}_i : \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i) \neq \delta e}$$

Can ADJ-DAS techniques be used to estimate OSEs outcomes?

# Adjoint estimation to OSEs outcomes

*Problem formulation:* For each data subset  $\mathbf{y}_i$ , a priori estimate

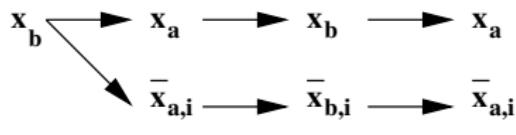
$$\delta e(\mathbf{y}_i : \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i) = e(\mathbf{x}_a) - e(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{a,i})$$

Unresolved issues:

- ① Estimation of data removal impact must rely on  $\mathbf{x}_a$  only
- ② Propagation of the background information in multi-cycles DA:

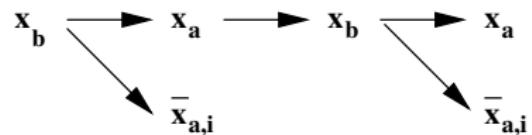
$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{b,i} \neq \mathbf{x}_b, \quad \bar{\mathbf{B}}_i \neq \mathbf{B}$$

MULTI-DA CYCLES OSEs



$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{a,i} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{b,i} + \bar{\mathbf{K}}_i [\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i - \bar{\mathbf{h}}_i(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{b,i})]$$

SINGLE-DA CYCLE OSEs



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# Sensitivity analysis in VDA: implicit is easier

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - x_b)^2}{\sigma_b^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - y)^2}{\sigma_o^2} \Rightarrow x_a = x_b + \frac{\sigma_o^{-2}}{\sigma_b^{-2} + \sigma_o^{-2}}(y - x_b)$$

Optimality condition:

$$J'(x_a) = \sigma_b^{-2}(x_a - x_b) + \sigma_o^{-2}(x_a - y) = 0$$

$$J''(x_a) = \sigma_b^{-2} + \sigma_o^{-2}$$

Implicit function theorem:  $J'(x_a, u) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial x_a}{\partial u} = - [J''(x_a, u)]^{-1} J'_u(x_a, u)$

$$\frac{\partial x_a}{\partial y} = \frac{\sigma_o^{-2}}{\sigma_b^{-2} + \sigma_o^{-2}} \quad \frac{\partial x_a}{\partial x_b} = \frac{\sigma_b^{-2}}{\sigma_b^{-2} + \sigma_o^{-2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial x_a}{\partial \sigma_o^{-2}} = \frac{(y - x_a)}{\sigma_b^{-2} + \sigma_o^{-2}} \quad \frac{\partial x_a}{\partial \sigma_b^{-2}} = \frac{(x_b - x_a)}{\sigma_b^{-2} + \sigma_o^{-2}}$$

# Sensitivity equations of VDA

Daescu, MWR 2008

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J(\mathbf{x}_a) = 0 \iff \mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b) + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} [\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_a) - \mathbf{y}] = 0$$

DAS input	Sensitivity	Equation
Observations	$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$	$\mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{A} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$
Obs. error variance	$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_o^2} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$	$\{\mathbf{R}^{-1} [\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_a) - \mathbf{y}]\} \odot \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$
Background	$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_b} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$	$\mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$
Back. error variance	$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_b^2} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$	$[\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b)] \odot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_b} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$

If the observation errors are uncorrelated:

$$\boxed{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_o^{-2} \odot \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_o^{-2}} e(\mathbf{x}_a) = [\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_a)] \odot \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)}$$

# Sensitivity to parameters and impact estimates

- Derived from the first-order optimality conditions

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} J(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \Rightarrow \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- Analysis sensitivity (implicit function theorem)

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{x}}^2 J \left[ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}}^2 J \right]^{-1}$$

- Sensitivity of a model functional output  $e(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}))$ :

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} e = \nabla_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{x}} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e = -\nabla_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{x}}^2 J \left[ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}}^2 J \right]^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e$$

- Estimate the impact of variations in parameters:

- first order accurate

$$\delta e \approx (\delta \mathbf{u})^T \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} e(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}))$$

- second order accurate

$$\delta e \approx (\delta \mathbf{u})^T \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} e(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})) + \frac{1}{2} (\delta \mathbf{u})^T \nabla_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}}^2 e(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})) (\delta \mathbf{u})$$

# High-order adjoint-DAS OBSI measures

Daescu and Todling, MWR 2009

## ① Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals (continuation framework)

$$\delta e = e(\mathbf{x}_a) - e(\mathbf{x}_b) = \int_{[\mathbf{x}_b, \mathbf{x}_a]} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}) \cdot d\mathbf{x} = \int_0^1 (\delta \mathbf{x}_a)^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_s) ds$$

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 $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_b + s\delta \mathbf{x}_a, \quad d\mathbf{x} = \delta \mathbf{x}_a ds$

## ② Approximation by numerical integration schemes

- Trapezoidal rule:

$$\delta e_2^{a,b} = \frac{1}{2} (\delta \mathbf{x}_a)^T [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_b) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)] = (\delta \mathbf{y})^T \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{K}^T [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_b) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)]$$

- Midpoint rule:

$$\delta e_2^{(a+b)/2} = (\delta \mathbf{x}_a)^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_{(a+b)/2}) = (\delta \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{K}^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_{(a+b)/2})$$

- Simpson's rule:

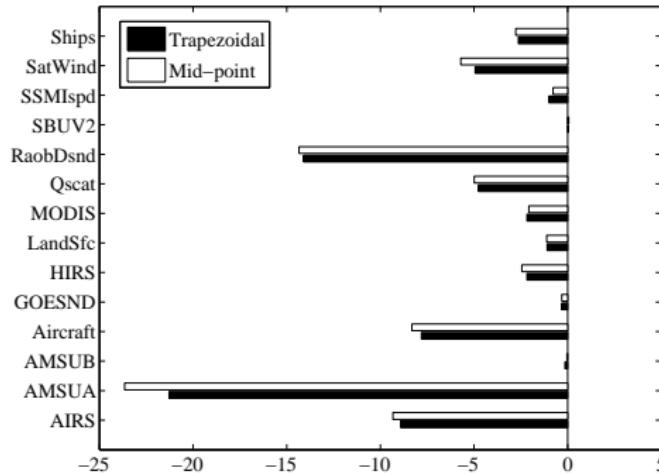
$$\delta e_4^{a,b,(a+b)/2} = (\delta \mathbf{y})^T \frac{1}{6} \mathbf{K}^T [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_b) + 4 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_{(a+b)/2}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_a)]$$

# Adjoint-based estimation of the observation impact

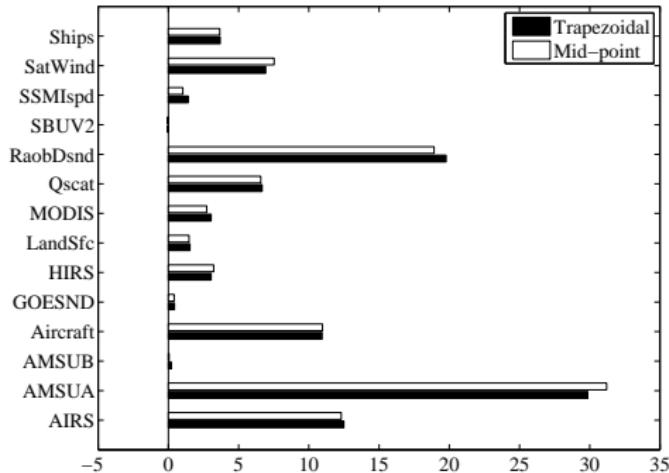
GEOS-5 data impact on 24h forecast error valid for August 2007-00z

Daescu and Todling, MWR 2009

Observation Impact for August 2007–00z (J/kg)



Fractional Impact (%) for August 2007–00z



# Modeling the data removal: 1-DA cycle OSEs

Control  $\sum_j \sigma_j^{-2} (x_a - y_j) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial x_a}{\partial \sigma_i^{-2}} = \frac{y_i - x_a}{\sum_j \sigma_j^{-2}}$

Experiment  $\sum_{j \neq i} \sigma_j^{-2} (\bar{x}_{a,i} - y_j) = 0$

$y_i$  removal 
$$\begin{cases} \sum_{j \neq i} \sigma_j^{-2} [x_a(\textcolor{blue}{s}) - y_j] + \textcolor{blue}{s} \sigma_i^{-2} [x_a(\textcolor{blue}{s}) - y_i] = 0 \\ x_a(1) = x_a, \quad x_a(0) = \bar{x}_{a,i}, \quad x'_a(\textcolor{blue}{s}) = \frac{\sigma_i^{-2} [y_i - x_a(\textcolor{blue}{s})]}{\sum_{j \neq i} \sigma_j^{-2} + \textcolor{blue}{s} \sigma_i^{-2}} \end{cases}$$

Analysis impact:  $\delta x_{a,i} = x_a(1) - x_a(0) \approx x'_a(1) = \sigma_i^{-2} \frac{\partial x_a}{\partial \sigma_i^{-2}}$

Forecast impact:  $e(x_a) - e(\bar{x}_{a,i}) \approx (\delta x_{a,i}) e'(x_a) = \sigma_i^{-2} \frac{\partial x_a}{\partial \sigma_i^{-2}} e'(x_a)$

# General formulation using a continuation approach

First order optimality condition and implicit differentiation

$$J_i(\mathbf{x}, s) = \bar{J}_i(\mathbf{x}) + s J_i^o \Rightarrow \nabla \bar{J}_i(\mathbf{x}) + s \mathbf{H}_i^T \mathbf{R}_i^{-1} [\mathbf{h}_i(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{y}_i] = 0$$

The value added by  $\mathbf{y}_i$  to  $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i$  may be interpreted as the forecast impact due to a change in the DAS of the observation error inverse covariance from  $\mathbf{0}$  to  $\mathbf{R}_i^{-1}$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J_i(\mathbf{x}, s) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \nabla_s \mathbf{x}_a^{i,s} = [\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{h}_i(\mathbf{x}_a^{i,s})]^T \mathbf{R}_i^{-1} \mathbf{H}_i \left[ \nabla^2 J_i \right]_{|(\mathbf{x}_a^{i,s}, s)}^{-1}$$

Linearization around  $s = 1$

$$\delta e(\mathbf{y}_i : \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i) = e(\mathbf{x}_a^{i,1}) - e(\mathbf{x}_a^{i,0}) \approx \nabla_s \mathbf{x}_a^{i,s} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} e(\mathbf{x}_a^{i,s}) \Big|_{s=1} = [\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{h}_i(\mathbf{x}_a)]^T \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_i} e(\mathbf{x}_a)$$

All-at-once f. o. a.:  $\boxed{\delta e(\mathbf{y}_i : \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i) \approx [\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{h}_i(\mathbf{x}_a)]^T \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_i} e(\mathbf{x}_a)}$

- Depends on the data set
- Depends on the specification of  $e$

# Experimental Setup: Lorenz 40-variable model

Lorenz and Emanuel, JAS 1998

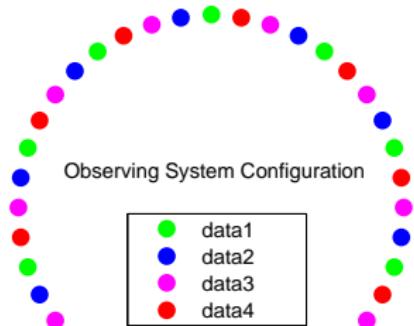
$$\frac{dx_j}{dt} = (x_{j+1} - x_{j-2})x_{j-1} - x_j + F$$

$$\mathbf{x}_a(t_i) = \mathbf{x}_b(t_i) + \mathbf{K}(t_i)[\mathbf{y}(t_i) - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}_b(t_i))]$$

$$\mathbf{A}(t_i) = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}(t_i)\mathbf{H}(t_i)]\mathbf{B}(t_i)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_b(t_{i+1}) = \mathcal{M}_{t_i \rightarrow t_{i+1}}(\mathbf{x}_a(t_i))$$

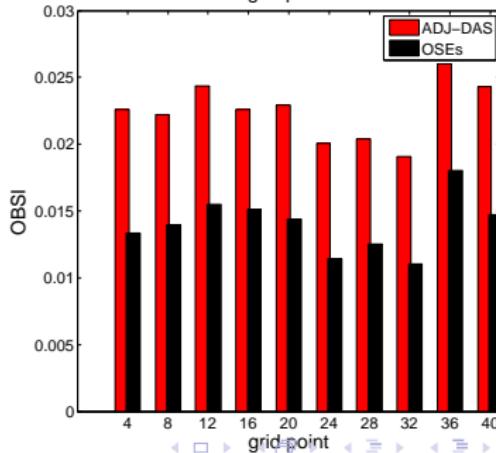
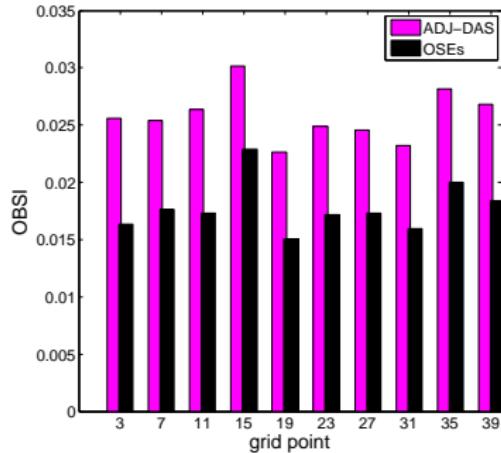
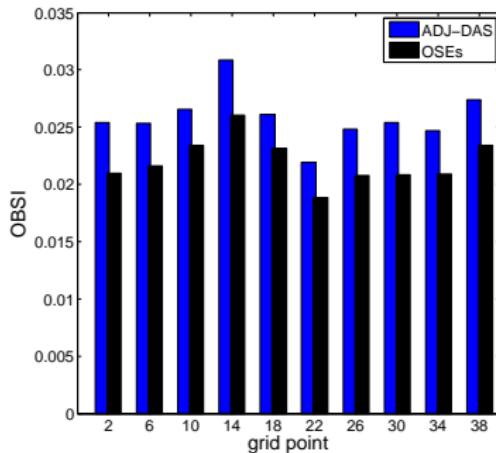
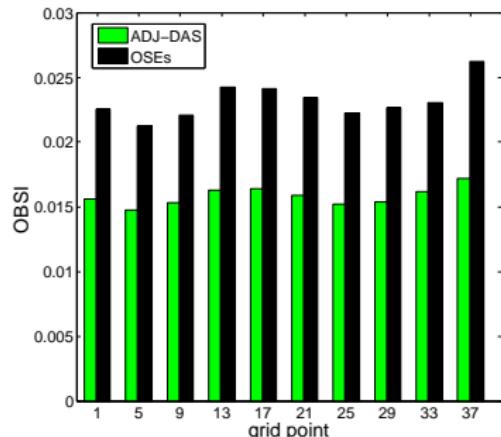
$$\mathbf{B}(t_{i+1}) = \mathbf{M}_{t_i \rightarrow t_{i+1}}\mathbf{A}(t_i)\mathbf{M}_{t_i \rightarrow t_{i+1}}^T + \mathbf{Q}(t_i)$$



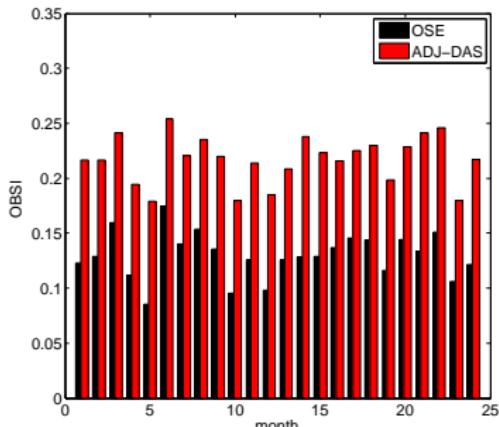
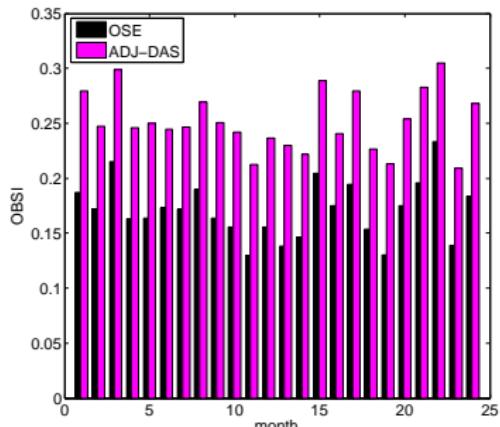
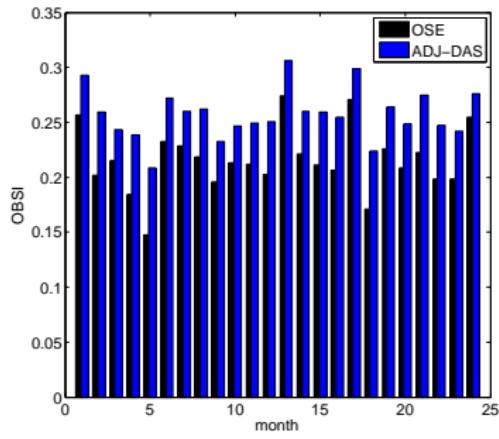
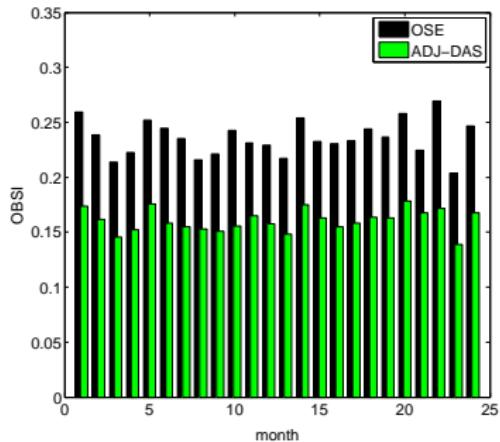
$$RK4, \Delta t = 0.05, F = 8, F^f = 7.6, \sigma_q = 0.1, t_v = t_0 + 4\Delta t$$

$$\sigma_o^{(1)} = 0.1, \quad \sigma_o^{(2)} = 0.2, \quad \sigma_o^{(3)} = 0.3, \quad \sigma_o^{(4)} = 0.4$$

# ADJ-DAS estimation to OSEs: $e(x) = \|x^f - x_b^f\|^2$



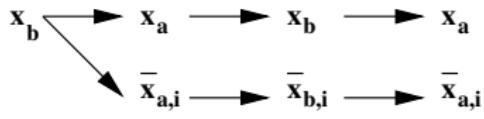
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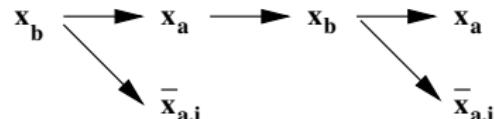
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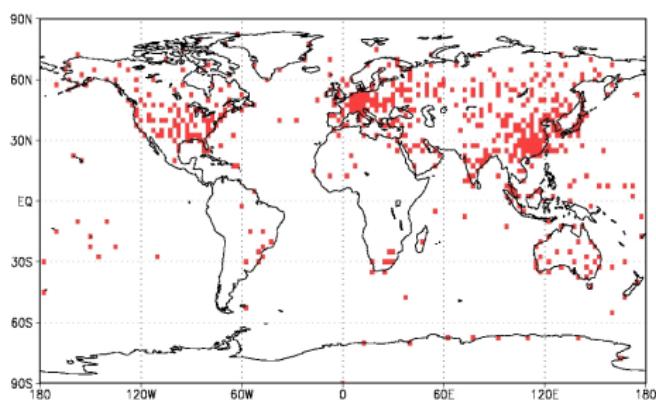
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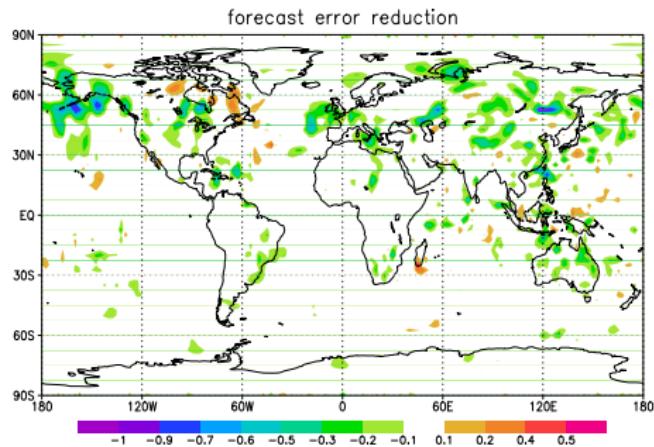
# Idealized 4DVAR experiments with a SW model

- ECMWF ERA-40 to provide  $\mathbf{x}_a^{ref} = (h, u, v)$  at  $2.5^\circ$  resolution
- Twin experiments using model generated data 0-6h.
- Observation error  $N(0, \sigma_o^2)$ ; Background error  $N(0, \sigma_b^2)$ ,  $\sigma_b^2/\sigma_o^2 = 4$

Observation location

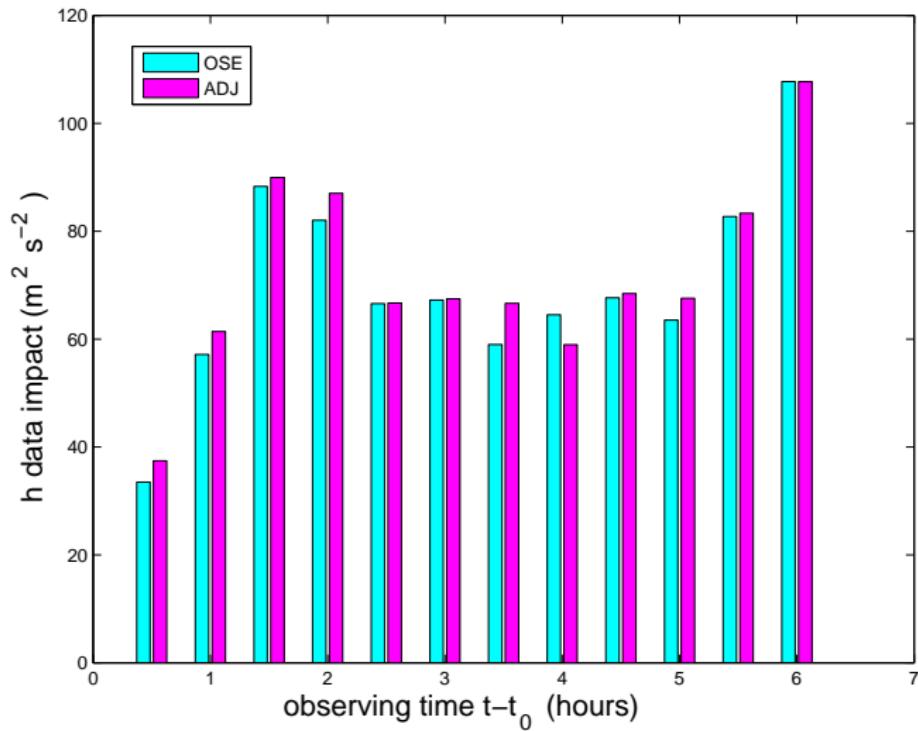


Forecast error reduction ( $m^2 s^{-2}$ )



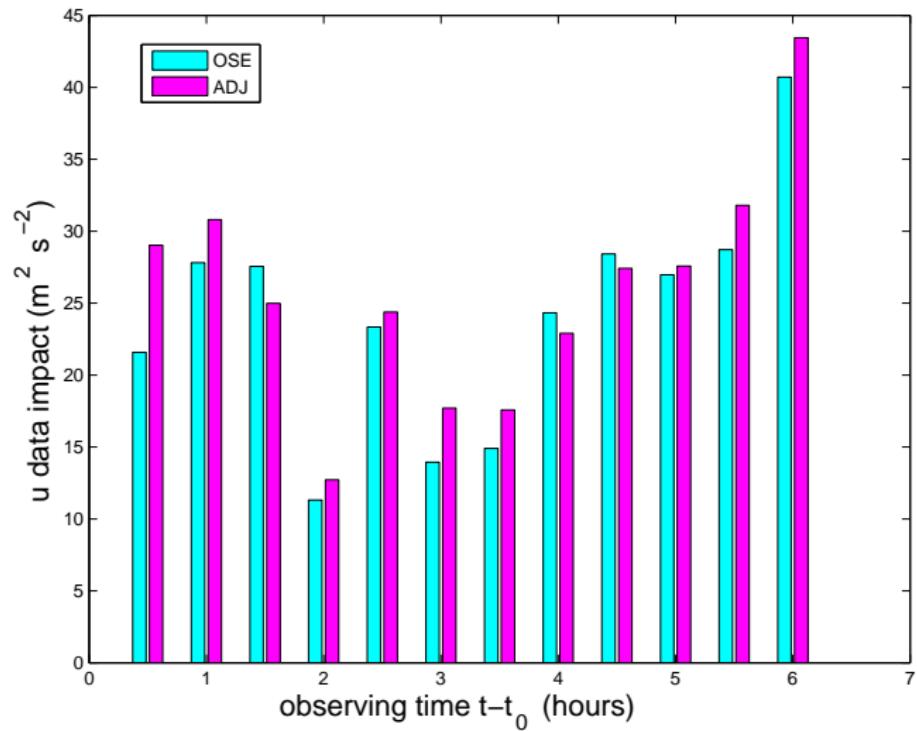
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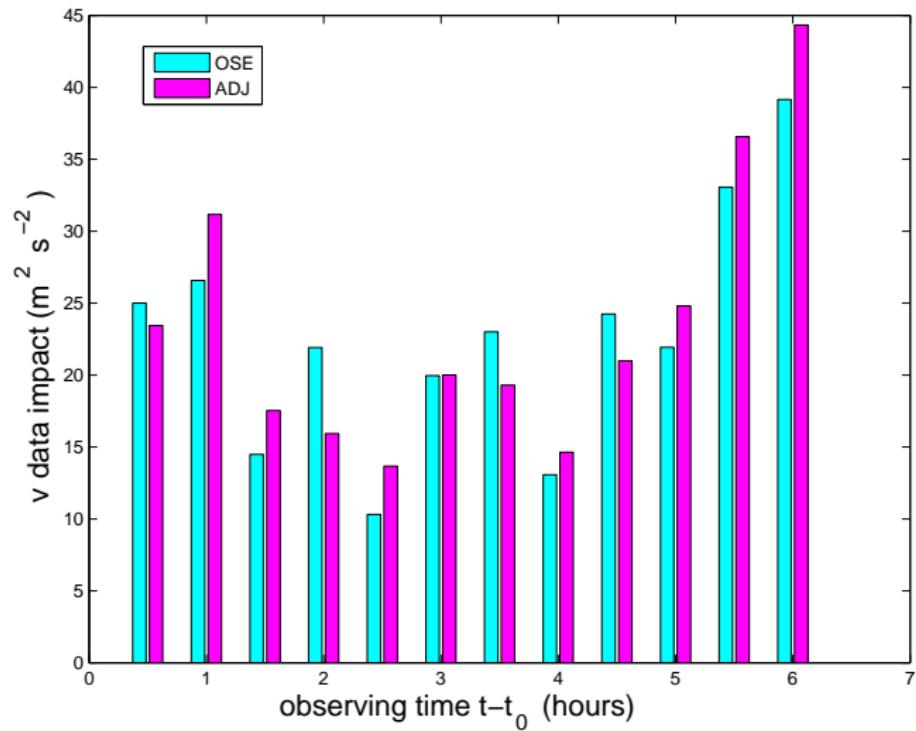
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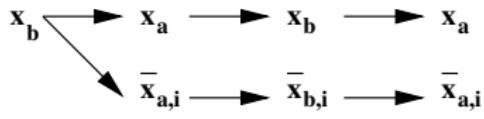
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